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SUBJECT: IRANIAN REQUEST FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL TEAM

REFERENCES: TEHRAN 6711; CARMISH/MAAG 300431Z JUL 77

1. GENERAL GEORGE BROWN, THE CJCS, HAS RECEIVED GEN AZHARI'S REQUEST FOR A COMMAND AND CONTROL TEAM (CARMISH REFTEL) AND WILL RESPOND SEPARATELY.

2. WE AGREE WITH YOUR INITIAL REPLY TO AZHARI (TEHRAN 6711). THERE WAS, HOWEVER, A SIMILAR REQUEST BY AZHARI IN OCT. 1975. HE WANTED TO ADDRESS GOI COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS TO INSURE INTERFACE, COMPATIBILITY AND TACTICAL RESPONSIVENESS OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED SYSTEMS. A JOINT COMMAND AND CONTROL SURVEY TEAM FOR IRAN WAS

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ORGANIZED, TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE DEVELOPED AND APPROVED BY DOD.

3. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT TOUFANIAN OPPOSED THAT US SURVEY TEAM AND MADE HIS VIEWS KNOWN TO EMBASSY. TEAM WAS CANCELLED ON THE EVE OF ITS DEPARTURE. THEN IN FEB. 1976, TOUFANIAN SENT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE A

MESSAGE IN WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE SINGLED OUT THE COMMAND AND CONTROL TEAM AS AN EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING BEING FORCED UPON GOI BY USG. HE SAID A COMMAND AND CONTROL SURVEY TEAM REPRESENTED AN ACTION AGAINST IRAN'S INTERESTS AND DESIRES AND ONE WHICH WOULD BE DESTRUCTIVE OF PROGRAMS ON WHICH DECISIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE BY HIGHER AUTHORITY.

4. BASED ON THIS EXPERIENCE, WE ARE HESITANT TO ACT ON ANOTHER SIMILAR REQUEST. TO MAKE CERTAIN WE DO NOT REPEAT 1975 EVENTS, SUGGEST EMBASSY RAISE AZHARI PROPOSAL WITH TOUFANIAN TO MAKE CERTAIN EVERYONE IS ABOARD BEFORE WE BEGIN ANY ACTION HERE. CHRISTOPHER

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